

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-54. (Previously Canceled Without Prejudice)

55. (Previously Amended) A method of treating sleep apnea or sleep induced apnea in a patient which comprises administering to a patient in need of said treatment a therapeutically effective amount of (+) norcisapride, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, substantially free of its (-) stereoisomer.

56. (Previously Canceled Without Prejudice).

57. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein the patient is a human.

58. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered orally.

59. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered as a tablet or a capsule.

60. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein the amount administered is from about 0.5 mg to about 500 mg.

61. (Original) The method of claim 60, wherein the amount administered is from about 1 mg to about 250 mg.

62. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

63. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein said (+) norcisapride is administered from one to four times per day.

64. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered parenterally, transdermally, rectally or sublingually.

65-70. (Previously Canceled Without Prejudice)

71. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~preventing or~~ managing sleep apnea or sleep induced apnea in a patient which comprises administering to a patient in need of said ~~prevention or~~ management a therapeutically effective amount of (+) norcisapride, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, substantially free of its (-) stereoisomer.

72. (Previously Added) The method of claim 71, wherein the patient is a human.

73. (Previously Added) The method of claim 71, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered orally.

74. (Previously Added) The method of claim 73, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered as a tablet or a capsule.

75. (Previously Added) The method of claim 71, wherein the amount administered is from about 0.5 mg to about 500 mg.

76. (Previously Added) The method of claim 75, wherein the amount administered is from about 1 mg to about 250 mg.

77. (Previously Added) The method of claim 71, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

78. (Previously Added) The method of claim 73, wherein said (+) norcisapride is administered from one to four times per day.

79. (Previously Added) The method of claim 71, wherein (+) norcisapride is administered parenterally, transdermally, rectally or sublingually.